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delightful manner the history of the capital city is traced from the dream of Francis Pope in 1663, down to the present time when, the author convincingly concludes, "Washington is no longer the city of magnificent intentions; it is Washington the Magnificent."

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IN "AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS"<sup>1</sup> by John Swett, is gathered a mass of information, of more or less value, dealing with various aspects of the public schools of this country. Unfortunately it is in a very unorganized form, and much of it is so general as to make it of little practical use. The best part relates to California, where the author is on his own ground, having had much to do with the early history of education on the Pacific Coast.

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#### REVIEWS.

*The Germans in Colonial Times.* By LUCY FORNEY BITTINGER. Pp. 414. Price, \$1.50. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1901.

After many years of neglect, the Germans of Pennsylvania and of other parts of the United States have begun to receive the attention their share in the making of this country well deserves. The Pennsylvania German Society has contributed a very valuable series of studies by Sachse, Diffenderfer, Jacobs and other careful students. Walton's Conrad Weiser and biographies of the Muhlenbergs and other noteworthy early Germans have brought home a better knowledge of their achievements in peace and war. Sharpless' "Two Centuries of Pennsylvania History" does justice to the German element in its growth. On the other hand, Fisher's "Pennsylvania Colony and Commonwealth," and even Bolles' "Pennsylvania," are notable for the slight credit given to the Germans who counted for so much in its early days and in its later history. Miss Bittinger's "Germans in Colonial Times" is a capital summary of their share in the settlement of the colonies. The work shows how they found refuge here from oppression at home, and in return for the freedom secured in the new world, by their industry, morality and piety, helped forward the cultivation of the soil, the peaceful conquest of wild regions, and the stable introduction of good government. Uncomplainingly they endured ill treatment in New York and Virginia, in North and South Carolina, in Georgia and in later days in Maine, but in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as in the West, the German settlers and their descendants, and the later successive waves of German

<sup>1</sup> Pp. 320. Price, \$1.00. New York: The American Book Company, 1900.

immigration, counted for much in the successful development of the country. In war as well as in peace they did their full duty, and their record of services is one that well deserves the tributes of honor now being paid to them. Löhner was one of the first German writers to bring out the share of the Germans in the making of the United States, and Kapp and Schurz for New York, and Seidensticker for Pennsylvania, supplied much of the material that, along with research in the original records, has made Miss Bitteringer's book one that deserves recognition for its merits. Her book is inspired by her own descent from good German stock and her earlier books paid due tribute to the merits of her own ancestors. Now on a broader field her hand has boldly and clearly traced the story of the early German settlers in various parts of the country, of their struggles and sacrifices, of their conquest not only of the soil, but of the prejudices of the colonial governments and of their neighbors and of others who envied them the fruits of tireless patience, endurance and faith. Her narrative begins with the conditions in Germany which led to emigration, and traces its successive stages in Pennsylvania and Maryland, in New York and New Jersey, in Virginia and the Carolinas, and Georgia. It shows the share of the Germans in the old French war, and gives an account of the "Royal American" Regiment, still in existence in the British army, and proud of its record in America. Of the Germans as pioneers and in the War of American Independence, and of their share in the dealings with the Indians, this little book gives a very satisfactory summary. A chronological table, and a list of works consulted and cited, and a full index, give it special value for purposes of reference and as a useful handbook. Modest alike in tone and spirit, as well as in its size, this volume on the Germans in colonial times, is a book that well deserves a place in every collection of historical works. The product of the early German press is now eagerly sought by collectors, and from the long list of works printed by Sauer and Franklin, at Ephrata and Frederick, in Lancaster and Philadelphia, many are noteworthy for their intrinsic value, and as illustrating the learning brought here by early German immigrants. Of these books Miss Bitteringer makes due mention, and her chapter on "The German Press" is among the most noteworthy of the many subjects so well treated in her pages. Her studies have been wide and exhaustive, and the result is a well planned, well digested and well executed volume, that cannot fail to bring home to her readers a better knowledge of what this country owes to its German population, and their share in its growth and development in its best characteristics.

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